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Subject: Translation from an article in the Russian newspaper "Novosty Dnia" re Ploujnikoff.

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Attached herewith is translation of an article regarding certain "monk" Ploujnikoff. This article appeared in the Russian newspaper "Novosty Dnia" of October 26, 1935.

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Translation from the Russian newspaper "Novosty Dnia,"
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"THE MONK THAT PRISON IS WAITING FOR"

Ecclesiastical authorities of the Far East are troubled by activities of a certain Ploujnikoff, who was banished from the Harbin friary. Our editor's office has just received information to the effect that Ploujnikoff has started to deceive honest and trusting people and is going to build a monastery in Trechrechie (Three River Settlement in Manchuria).

In view of the above, the Pekin Orthodox Mission has published the following warning:- The most Reverend Bishop Ioann has received official information from Harbin as follows:- Last year there was a monk by the name of M.I. Ploujnikoff who resided in the Kazan-Bogoroditsky friary and who was later banished from it. In September he started to spread rumours that upon his taking the habit of monk he was given the name of Mitrofanii by Bishop Victor, and received permission to establish a friary in Trechrechie.

Bishop Victor on being informed of this stated that he does not know Ploujnikoff and did not perform a ceremony in bestowing the habit of monk upon him, neither did he give him permission to establish a friary in Trechrechie. The following statement was made by Bishop Ioann:- "Warn the people against the collections." The making of a false claim to ecclesiastical calling is rare in the experience of Russian clergy. This particular case is the first one since the Russian emigration to the Far East. Therefore, careful attention must be given to this shocking imposture at the very beginning.

It is hoped that the police will give their attention to this matter and will put a stop to the activities of "monk" Ploujnikoff.